Approved For Release 2001/03/22 : CIA-R

AEPORT

CLASSIFICATION

GENCE AGENCY

REPORT NO.

25X1A

14 October 1948

COUNTRY

SUBJECT

Czechoslovakia/USCR

25X1A

PLACE ACQUIRED

DATE OF

Rumors of Annexation of Czechoslovakia to the USSR

DATE DISTR. NO. OF PAGES 1

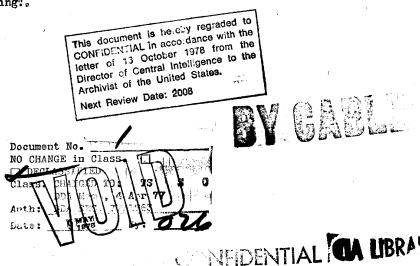
NO. OF ENCLS.

42044

SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT NO.

25X1X

- It is rumored in well informed circles that a customs union will be formed 1. between Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union and that the ruble will be introduced as the unit of currency in Czechoslovakia, possibly on 28 October or 9 November.
- It is further reported that on one of these dates an interim government will be formed to prepare for complete annexation. Nationalist Communists such as the Slovaks Clementis, Husak, Pavlik, Novomesky, and Pul are to be removed, although there is also a rumor that Clementis will be permitted to retain his office. Siroky, Bastovansky, and Smidke, whose views are Sominformist, will be retained. Fris, the brains of the Slovak Communist Party, may become a member of the Prague government.
- Svoboda, Minister of Defense, is expected to be replaced by Slansky, and Duris, Kinister of Agriculture, by Kotatko. Duris is opposed to the Kolkhoz system, which is to be introduced soon as a form of "voluntary cooperative farring".



CLASSIFICATION I NAVY STATE EXCISED BEFORE PUBLIC RELEASE OF THIS DOCUMENT. AEMY DE AIR